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Proposed Research Project Covering Soviet Economic Warfare Aims Against the West

REFERENCE: Memo for AD/RR from AD/PC, same subject, dated 18 December 1951

1. I am writing in response to your letter of 18 December regarding a proposed research project covering Soviet economic warfare aims against the West. I have just recently assumed responsibility as the Assistant Director for Research and Reports, and I am advised that this project has been under review for some time by members of my Office and by representatives of other agencies on the Economic Intelligence Committee. Those who have studied the project outline are generally agreed that the proposed study is so extensive in scope and so intensive in the depth of detail required that unless it could be given priority over existing commitments it could not be undertaken by the economic intelligence community at this time.

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2. In view of these limitations and considering the nature of the subject, I suggest that this might properly be a project for external research. I agree in part, however, with the suggestion made by [redacted] 25X1A5a1 [redacted] meeting of 27 November 1951 that it would be desirable on a study of this kind to have the assistance of government analysts. I am willing to provide such assistance through ORR, particularly by way of guidance in the location of information and reports, after the project has been more clearly defined and given some preliminary study by an external research group.

3. If you feel it would be useful to explore this subject further I would be glad to meet with you at your convenience.

/s/

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